



Dear Friend,

It's probably safe to say that you didn't spend much time thinking about attacks across America's borders today. You likely didn't think about it yesterday, either.

But in Israel, defensible borders are an issue people are forced to worry about every day—every minute of every hour. Consider this:

To Israel's **east**, Palestinian Authority leaders continue inciting violence against Israelis, spurring attacks that have killed nearly 50 and wounded more than 700 in the last two years.

To Israel's **north**, Hezbollah has amassed a vast military infrastructure throughout Lebanon, including more than 150,000 rockets and missiles. Aerial photographs show that the terrorist organization—which has killed more Americans than any group other than al-Qaida—has embedded much of its weapons stockpiles within civilian towns, buffered by human shields.

To the **south**, Hamas has ramped up calls for Israel's destruction. Just days after the announcement of a Fatah-Hamas reconciliation this October, Hamas said it had dismissed U.S. and Israeli demands that it lay down its arms and recognize the Jewish state, saying the terror organization is instead debating “when to wipe out Israel.”

And farther **east**, Iran has increased its dangerous behavior since the 2015 nuclear deal, conducting at least 15 ballistic missile tests, arming and funding terrorist groups, and using the Syrian conflict to move forces close to Israel ... all while making explicit calls for Israel's annihilation.

As Americans, it is hard for us to fathom dangers like these on our borders ... hard to imagine the fear of knowing that terror could strike at any time by land, sea, air, or below ground.

But while we may not be able to comprehend dealing with the threats Israel faces, we are not powerless to help. That's because each of us—you and I—can help Israel keep its citizens safe by advocating for a strong U.S.-Israel relationship.

For more than 60 years, that has been the mission of what *The New York Times* has called “the most important organization affecting America's relationship with Israel,” AIPAC. Today, I am asking you to join us in that mission—to use your voice to ensure America continues to stand by our vital democratic ally.

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In anticipation of your response, I have enclosed a *2018 Supporter Card* for you to carry as a proud AIPAC member. But before you place the card in your wallet, I ask that you please rush your reply to join AIPAC. Because today, the vital U.S.-Israel alliance—and our combined voices—are more important than ever before.

As you saw in the examples on the front side of this letter, no other country in the world faces anything like the dangers Israel must confront daily on its borders.

As these threats grow and evolve, we must continue to make the case ... we must work with our leaders in Washington to support new policies that help the United States and Israel address the latest threats and enhance the safety and security of both nations.

That's where AIPAC comes in. We enable pro-Israel Americans like you to work with members of Congress to strengthen the U.S.-Israel relationship. And we've had much success.

Over the years, AIPAC members have worked with Congress to:

- Keep America and Israel secure through critical security assistance that helps Israel deter enemies sworn to its destruction. This includes support for key U.S.-Israel missile defense programs like Iron Dome, David's Sling, and Arrow.
- Slow Iran's progress toward a nuclear weapons capability by passing more than a dozen bills that sanction Iran and those who help the regime, while also maintaining pressure on Iran over its terrorist activities.
- Support Israel's right to self-defense through resolutions that back the Jewish state's efforts to protect its citizens from terrorist attacks.
- Enhance U.S.-Israel security cooperation through congressional legislation that strengthens U.S.-Israel cooperation in fields such as missile defense, homeland security, intelligence, water resources development, energy and cybersecurity.

Achievements such as these demonstrate how **every gift you make to AIPAC can reap benefits far beyond the value of your contribution alone ... and how every dollar you give can, in turn, help ensure America stands by Israel with billions of dollars in aid and priceless diplomatic support.**

Now, with Israel's borders further threatened on all sides, we must make the case to our leaders in Congress for increased U.S.-Israel cooperation.

This will require the support of pro-Israel Americans like you.

That's why I'm urging you to carry your *2018 Supporter Card* with pride and become a member of AIPAC with a generous contribution of \$50, \$100, \$250, or even more if you can, today.

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Your gift will help educate members of Congress, mobilize grassroots support for legislation, and make the case for new initiatives that enhance the security of America and Israel.

Please don't delay. Chances are, you didn't think about the danger of attacks across America's borders today. But I hope you'll take this opportunity to think about Israel's safety—because the Jewish state needs our partnership more than ever.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Shankman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brian Shankman
Director of Regional Affairs and Development

P.S. With dangers looming across Israel's borders, American support for Israel has never been more important. But this support does not simply happen—and it is not guaranteed.

The United States has stood with Israel because people like you work with AIPAC to help keep the friendship between these two great democracies strong. Please join the organization that has worked with Congress to strengthen the U.S.-Israel relationship for more than six decades by becoming a supporter of AIPAC today.

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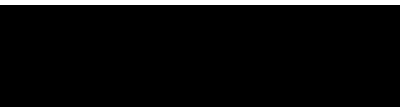
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At this critical time for Israel, U.S. support must remain strong.



That is why I am joining AIPAC – the one organization that works with members of Congress to maintain a steadfast relationship between the U.S. and Israel. Enclosed is my contribution in the amount of:

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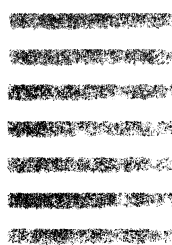
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